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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

SUBJ: HOA HAO LEADERSHIP DISPUTE REMAINS UNRESOLVED

1. LONG-POSTPONED GENERAL CONVENTION OF 536 HOA HAO LEADERS MET SEPT 15 IN HOA HAO VILLAGE, CHAU DOC, IN ANOTHER UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DISPUTE OVER CHAIRMANSHIP OF HOA HAO CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BETWEEN FORMER CHAIRMAN LUONG TRONG TUONG AND LT. COL. TRAN VAN TUOI. MEETING ENDED IN COMPLETE DEADLOCK.

2. BALLOTING FOR NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE POSTS SUSPENDED MIDWAY WHEN ALLEGATIONS OF "IRREGULARITIES" WERE RAISED. TUOI

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HAD JUST WON POST OF GENERAL SECRETARY BY OVERWHELMING VOTE WHEN PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED BY MEMBER OF SECT FOUNDER'S FAMILY (UT) WHO CLAIMED "IRREGULARITIES" HAD JUST BEEN DISCOVERED

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WHICH RENDERED VOTING INVALID AND NECESSITATED FORMATION
FO FOUR-MAN "INTERIM" STEERING COMMITTEE TO BE CHAIRED
BY HIMSELF AND TO INCLUDE TUOI, TUONG, AND LAM THANH NGUYEN.
ABOUT 150 TUOI SUPPORTERS THEREUPON WALKED OUT AND GENERAL
CONVENTION BROKE UP IN CONFUSION.

3. PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE REMAIN OBSCURE AND
DISARRAY IN RANKS OF HOA HAO LEADERSHIP SHOWS NO SIGN OF
DISAPPEARING. STRUGGLE FOR POWER IN LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AS
WELL AS CENTRAL COMMITTEE LIKELY TO CONTINUE AT LEAST THROUGH
LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS. ALL HOA HAO FACTIONS HAVE CONTENDERS
FOR LOWER HOUSE SEATS IN THE FIELD IN MANY DELTA PROVINCES.

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